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Applicants

Ralph Frisch

Serial No.

09/676,237

Filing Date

September 29, 2000

For

FASTENER FOR SECURING A

GAS BAG MODULE TO A

STEERING WHEEL

Group Art Unit

3618

Examiner

F. Fleming

Attorney Docket No.

TRW(ASG)5545

Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1400

April 30, 2004

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION TO EXTEND PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

Sir:

i) ;; Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of the period for response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2003. The response date set in the Office Action was March 31, 2004. A response is being filed herewith today, April 30, 2004, which is within one-month after the response date.

Accordingly, applicant hereby requests that the period for response be extended by one-month so that the response filed herewith will be considered timely filed.

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Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$110.00 for this Petition to Extend Period for Response.

Please charge any deficiency in the fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,

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